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STONY CREEK'S

HOME & SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It is my hope that you and your family have enjoyed the summer vacation, a vacation that is not quite over. However, it is very clear to me that the start of the 2012-2013 school year is right around the corner, and so I extend to each of you a warm welcome back to Stony Creek! Our staff is here at school preparing for your child's arrival, and as we approach opening day, the excitement at Stony Creek is building.

Included in this mailing is your child's class placement and teacher assignment for the 2012-2013 school year. In addition, this edition of TheCURRENT contains a good deal of information about the start of the school year. Please be sure to read this edition carefully as it will help to smooth your child's return to Stony Creek.

And now, with the new school year ready to begin, how can you keep up with all of the news and activities at Stony Creek? You can expect two publications, both of which will be available electronically. This is the September edition of TheCURRENT, our official home and school monthly newsletter; it is sent out electronically at the beginning of each month to those registered on School Messenger and is also posted on our school website. In addition, This Week at Stony Creek is a weekly electronic publication designed to communicate the upcoming week's events here at Stony Creek; this publication is published weekly by parent volunteer Tracy Suchodolski. It will be sent directly to your home via e-mail if you choose to sign up to receive it. In order to receive this popular newsletter, you are asked to contact Tracy Suchodolski at such991@comcast.net, and she will add you to her e-mail distribution list.

As we open the 2012-2013 school year, we have a total of 360 students. Once again, welcome to Stony Creek. I am confident that your child and your family will enjoy the excitement of the 2012-2013 school year. Welcome back!

Sincerely,
Gary W. Abbamont

SEPTEMBER DATES



- 3 WSD Holiday - Schools Closed
- 4 First Day of School (GR 1-5) / Early Dismissal 11:50 AM
- 4 Kindergarten Orientation, 1:30 PM
- 5 Half Kindergarten Students (Last Names A-M Report)
- 6 Half Kindergarten Students (Last Names N-Z Report)
- 6 SC PTO Kid Stuff Book Fundraiser – Begins
- 7 All Kindergarten Students Report (Full Day of School)
- 10 SC PTO Back to School Picnic, 5:30 PM
- 13 SC Back to School Night Program, 7 PM
- 17 WSD Holiday - Schools Closed
- 19 SC PTO Welcome Wagon – New Parents to SC
- 20 SC PTO Kid Stuff Book Fundraiser – Ends
- 20 SC PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser – Begins
- 26 WSD Holiday - Schools Closed
- 28 SC Fall Picture Day
- 28 SC Growth and Vision Screening (GR 4-5)

WHAT'S NEW ON CAMPUS

When our students return to Stony Creek this September, they may notice some of these changes made over Summer 2012.

- 1) Fresh-painted Cream-colored Classrooms with Navy Blue Doorway Trim
- 2) New Classroom Desks for Three Fifth Grade Classrooms and One Fourth Grade Classroom
- 3) New Student Desks for Our Learning Support Classrooms
- 4) Freshly Painted Games on the Blacktops
- 5) The Addition of a Sixth Maple Butcher-Block Student Work Table in Our Art Center
- 6) Stony Creek's Nature Trail with Freshly Varnished Classroom Benches, Recently Installed Birdhouses and Bat Houses, and Wood Chips on the Trail
- 7) Our Interior Courtyard Vegetable Gardens Have Been Freshly Planted

WHO'S NEW ON CAMPUS

As we approach the start of our 2012-2013 school year, we welcome some new faces and some familiar faces (in new roles) to Stony Creek Elementary School.

- Stephanie Brooks, Child-Specific Assistant
- Cathy Croft, MCIU Pre-school Teacher
- Patricia Fitzgerald, Second Grade
- Gail Friel, School Psychologist
- Annmarie Getzfread, Main Office Clerk Typist
- Mary Ann Johnson, MCIU Pre-School Assistant
- James Kelly, Fourth Grade
- Kelly Krajnik, Fourth Grade First Semester & Susan (Atkiss) Dziedzic, Fourth Grade Second Semester
- Jean Lunney, Second Grade First Semester & Megan Nelson, Second Grade Second Semester
- Kate McAlary, Child-Specific Assistant
- Colleen Meulstee, Staff Developer, Grades 3-5
- Sarah Morasco, Child-Specific Assistant
- Marta O'Brien, Fifth Grade
- Kathy Polcino, Nurse
- James Kelly, Fourth Grade

SCHOOL BUS ASSIGNMENTS

One of the frequently asked questions has to do with our students' school bus assignments - the bus number, the bus stop, and the time of bus pick up and drop off. Where do you find this information? You will find the information on the district website: <http://www.wsdweb.org>. Once on the home page, click the District Information Tab, then click District Services, and finally click Transportation. This information is usually available during the third week of August. If necessary, you also have the contact information for Marie Carsillo, Director of Transportation at that site.



ESPECIALLY FOR KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

IMPORTANT DATES FOR K FAMILIES

The first week of school for our kindergarten students is designed to ensure a smooth transition to Stony Creek. Through a slightly modified schedule, we provide a developmentally appropriate and welcoming first few days where students will come to know their teachers, classmates, and school routines.

Tuesday, September 4th

K Orientation for Parents and K Students (1:30-3:00 PM)

Wednesday, September 5th

K Students with Last Names Beginning with A-M Report to School (8:35-3:15 PM)

K Students with Last Names Beginning with N-Z Remain at Home

Thursday, September 6th

K Students with Last Names Beginning with N-Z Report to School (8:35-3:15 PM)

K Students with Last Names Beginning with A-M Remain at Home

Friday, September 7th

All K Students Report to School (8:35-3:15 PM)

Monday, September 10th

Plan to Join Us for Our PTO's Annual Back to School Barbecue/Picnic (5:30 PM)

KINDERGARTEN ADVENTURE

On the evening of August 23RD, we offered a school bus experience for each kindergarten student and one parent. The bus driver reviewed basic bus safety rules with the students. At the school, the students were

welcomed and had a snack. This was a recommended experience as all K students will ride the bus from time to time on school field trips. A letter about the Kindergarten Adventure was sent out via US Mail to all Kindergarten families.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

On September 4th, all of our kindergarten students and their parents/guardians are expected to attend our Kindergarten Orientation scheduled to begin at 1:30 PM. What happens at the Kindergarten Orientation? We begin with a general meeting where students and parents are welcomed to Stony Creek and meet some important members of the Stony Creek Staff and Community. Following this meeting, the students will tour our school and participate in some special activities planned for them (art, library, music, physical education). While the students are on tour, our parents will meet with the classroom teacher and learn a good deal about the kindergarten routines and procedures. The Kindergarten Orientation is designed to welcome our kindergarten students and provide you as the parent/guardian with the information you need to support your child's transition to kindergarten. The program will conclude by 2:45. This program is to be attended by parent(s) and the kindergarten student, not siblings.

DISMISSAL DIRECTIONS

When it comes to dismissal at the end of the day, it is important that your child's teacher knows the plan for each and every day. Make sure that your child's teacher knows which of these plans is in place for your child:

- Walker
- Parent Pick-up Car Line
- YMCA After School Program
- Bus # (AM and PM Bus Numbers are not the same.)
- Private After School Program; Change of Bus #

For those riding the bus home, it is also important to help your child recognize his/her bus stop. K bus riders must be met by an adult at the bus stop. If not, the child will be returned to the school. Your child's kindergarten teacher will discuss these routines with you at our Kindergarten Orientation.



ARE YOU NEW TO STONY CREEK?



NEW FIRST THROUGH FIFTH GRADERS

All first through fifth grade students NEW to Stony Creek this fall will meet in our cafeteria upon arrival to Stony Creek on the first day of school. These students will be greeted and welcomed by Mrs. Walsh, our school counselor, and she will guide them to their classrooms to meet their teachers. We are so very excited to welcome these new students to Stony Creek!

PTO'S BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

Be sure to join us on Monday, September 10th at 5:30 PM for the PTO-sponsored Back to School Picnic. This year's Back-to-School Picnic will feature Coach Jim Sposato, champion barbecue griller. Feel free to bring your own picnic blanket and dinner or purchase your dinner here at school. This is a great opportunity to meet some of the other Stony Creek families and members of our staff.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT PROGRAM

Our Back to School Night Program is scheduled for Thursday, September 13th and will begin promptly at 7 PM and conclude by 9 PM. The evening will begin in our Cafetorium and will be followed by a classroom session where you will be able to meet your child's teacher and learn about this year's program. In addition, our Encore and Specialist Faculty will be available to share information about their programs. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us for this special evening.

SUMMER CHALLENGE

All of our students were provided a Summer Challenge to complete over the course of the summer. Has your child completed his or her challenge? For more information, please go to our district website, select Stony Creek's page, and then click on Take the Summer 2012 Challenge. Once at this page, click on Summer Challenge for your child's new grade level.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

KINDERGARTEN

- 24 Ticonderoga Yellow Pencils, #2
- 4 Elmer's Large Glue Sticks
- 2 Crayola Crayons, 8 pack
- 1 5" x 8" Plastic Pencil Box
- 1 Fiskar Children's Scissors (blunt)
- 1 Kleenex Tissues
- 3 Crayola Washable Fine Markers, 8 count
- 1 Crayola Watercolors, 8 count
- 1 Zipper Seal Quart Bags, 20 count (no pull zip)
- 1 Zipper Seal Gallon Bags, 20 count (no pull zip)
- 1 Baby Wipes, 80 count
- 1 Hand Sanitizer

FIRST GRADE

- 24 Ticonderoga Yellow Pencils #2
- 2 Crayola Crayons (8 Pack)
- 1 5" X 8" Plastic Pencil Box
- 1 Fiskar Children's Scissors, Pointed
- 1 Box of Tissues
- 2 Pink Bevel Erasers
- 4 Elmer's Large Glue Sticks
- 3 Pocket Folders
- 2 Mr. Sketch Stix - Fine Marker Packs
- 1 Mr. Sketch Washable Broad Markers Pack
- 1 Zipper Seal Sandwich bags
- 1 Zipper Seal Quart Bags
- 1 1 3/8 X 1 7/8 Sticky Notes
- 1 Hand Sanitizer

SECOND GRADE

- 36 Ticonderoga Yellow Pencils
- 2 Large Glue Sticks
- 1 5" x 8" Plastic Pencil Box
- 2 Scissors
- 2 Kleenex Tissue Boxes
- 1 Crayola Washable Markers (8 Count)
- 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 3 Ring Binder (1" Ring Size)
- 2 Wide Ruled Composition Books (solid & dotted lines)
- 5 Pocket Folders, 1 with 3-hole punched
- 2 Expo Markers (4 Pack)
- 1 Yellow Jumbo Highlighter
- 1 Crayola Crayons (24 Pack)
- 2 Large Erasers
- 1 Sticky Notes – 1 Large package

THIRD GRADE

- 48 Ticonderoga Yellow Pencils
- 1 Elmer's Large Glue Sticks
- 1 Crayola Colored Pencils (12 Count)
- 1 Zippered Pencil Case
- 1 7" student Scissors - Pointed
- 1 Kleenex Tissues
- 8 Pocket Folders (assorted colors)
- 5 Marble Composition Books
- 2 Yellow Jumbo Highlighters
- 3 Large Yellow Sticky Notes (3 x 3")
- 3 Small Sticky Notes (1-1/2 x 2") (50 count each)
- 1 Baby Wipes, 80 count

FOURTH GRADE

- 24 Ticonderoga Yellow Pencils
- 1 Yellow Jumbo Highlighter
- 1 Elmer's Large Glue Stick
- 1 Fine Markers (8-16 count)
- 1 Zipper Pencil Case
- 1 7" Sharp Student Scissor
- 1 Kleenex Tissues
- 2 Red Stick Pens
- 2 Blue Stick Pens
- 4 Black Expo Dry Erase White Board Markers, thick
- 6 Pocket Folders
- 1 Baby Wipes, 80 count
- 2 3 x 3" Sticky Notes, 50 count
- 5 Marble Composition Books (assorted colors)
- 1 Crayola Colored Pencils, 12 count
- 1 Crayola Thin Color Markers, 12 count
- 2 Pink Bevel Erasers

FIFTH GRADE

- 24 Ticonderoga Yellow Pencils
- 1 Zipper Pencil Pouch
- 1 7" Sharp Student Scissors
- 1 Kleenex Tissues
- 7 Pocket Folders (assorted colors and no brads)
- 3 Marble Composition Books
- 1 Highlighter
- 1 Binder (3 Ring, 2 Inch Ring Size)
- 3 Pens (1 Red, 1 Blue, 1 Black)
- 1 Elmer's Large Glue Stick
- 1 Crayola Markers, 8 count, fine
- 1 Crayola Colored Pencils, 12 count

